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In re Patent Application of:

David W. Carlson

Appln. No.: 09/678,414

Filed: October 2, 2000

For: METHOD FOR PLANARIZING A THIN FILM

Group Art Unit: 2823

Examiner: Brook Kebede

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney requests that \$500 be credited to Deposit Account 502305 due to the following facts:

1. On October 2, 2000, the above-identified application was filed with 1 Independent claim and 17 total claims.
2. On March 15, 2002, a Response to Office Action was filed. The response deleted five dependent claims (3, 4, 8, 11, and 12), added one independent claim (18), and added six total claims (18-23). Thus, 2 Independent claims and 18 total claims were present.
3. On November 1, 2002, a Response to Advisory Action was filed. The response deleted Independent claim 18, and converted dependent claim 22 into an Independent claim. Thus, 2 Independent claims and 17 total claims were present.
4. On March 4, 2003, a Response to Office Action was filed. The response added one new Independent claim (24), and five total claims (24-28). Thus, 3 Independent claims and 22 total claims were present. A check for \$36 for two additional total claims was submitted with the response, and cashed by the PTO. As a result, 3 Independent claims and 22 total claims had been paid for at this time.

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5. On August 11, 2003, an Amendment After Final was filed. The amendment converted claims 9 and 17 into independent claims, and cancelled claim 26. As a result, 5 independent claims and 21 total claims were present. A check for \$168 for two additional independent claims was submitted with the amendment, and cashed by the PTO. As a result, 5 independent claims and 22 total claims had been paid for at this time.

6. The August 11, 2003 amendment was not entered, and was resubmitted on October 24, 2003 with an RCE. The October 24, 2003 amendment converted claims 9 and 17 into independent claims, and cancelled claim 26. As a result, 5 independent claims and 21 total claims were present. No additional claim fee was submitted since 5 independent claims and 22 total claims had been paid for as of the August 11, 2003 filing.

7. On January 30, 2004, an amendment was filed. The amendment added two independent claims (29 and 30). As a result, 7 independent claims and 23 total claims were present. A copy of the January 30, 2004 response is enclosed as Attachment A.

8. As noted above, the fee for 5 independent claims and 22 total claims had previously been paid. As a result, a check (our check number 1574) for \$208 for two additional independent claims and two additional total claims was submitted with the amendment, and cashed by the PTO. As a result, 7 independent claims and 24 total claims had been paid for at this time. A copy of our check number 1574 (both sides) is enclosed as Attachment B.

9. On May 20, 2005, a Response to Office Action was filed (and received by the PTO on May 23, 2005). The response did not add or delete any claims. As a result, 7 independent claims and 23 total claims were present, and 7 independent claims and 24 total claims had been paid for at this time. A copy of the May 20, 2005 response is enclosed as Attachment C.

10. On July 22, 2005, applicants' attorney received a monthly statement of Deposit Account dated June 30, 2005, indicating \$100.00 was debited from account on June 2, 2005 for Fee Code 1202 (for two additional total claims) and \$400.00 for Fee Code 1201 (for two additional independent claims) for the May 20, 2005 response. A copy of the Deposit Account Statement is enclosed as Attachment D.

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11. Therefore, since 7 Independent claims and 23 total claims were present with the May 20, 2005 response, and 7 Independent claims and 24 total claims had been paid for at this time, the PTO erroneously debited \$500 from Deposited Account No. 502305 as no additional fee was due.

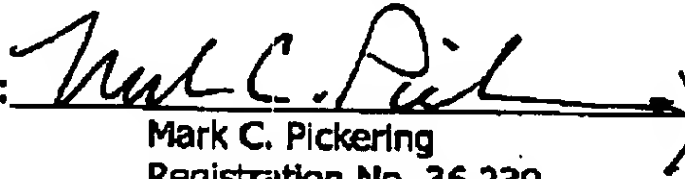
Accordingly, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that \$500.00 to be credited to our Deposit Account No. 502305.

Respectfully submitted,

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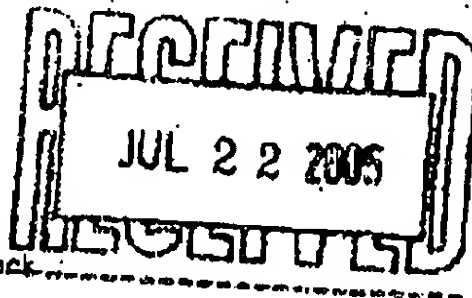
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

Amendments to the Specification which begin on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper;

Remarks which begin on page 13 of this paper;

Appendix A which begins on page 22 of this paper;

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Appendix B which begins on page 23 of this paper;

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